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WHEN I FIRST OPENED MY EYES OVER THERE—
WHAT I FIRST SAW WAS A BEAUTIFUL FULL MOON.

AND THEN THE NEXT THING I SAW WAS....
WHAT'S THIS,
HMM? TAKERU?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T SLEEP HERE, DON'T YOU!!
Yes.
I'm sorry.

HE MUST BE ONE OF THOSE,
HMMM—
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ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT SHOWS UP IN HISTORICAL DRAMAS, WHAT WAS IT—
THAT'S RIGHT, ASHIGARU!!
HEY, YOU TOO!
EHH-
THERE ARE...
SO MANY ASHIGARU-!!

AH. ...
I HAVE COMPLETED A TIME MACHINE.
TAKERU!?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
TAKE-
ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO, WITHIN 20 SECONDS, TRAVEL BACK TO THE SENGOKU PERIOD
BUT I HESITATED, AS I AM NOT CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO SURVIVE IN THE SENGOKU PERIOD—
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IT CAN'T BE..... THAT WAS TRUE!?
SO I REALLY ENDED UP COMING TO THE SENGOKU PERIOD!?
AND LANDED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ARMY OF ASHIGARU!?
THAT'S THE TIME MACHINE ACTIVATION SWITCH!!

SO THEN, IF I PUT THIS BACK, I CAN PROBABLY RETURN—
R-...RIGHT!! THAT'S RIGHT!! THIS IS THE SWITCH!!
OW OWOW—
I TORE MY SANDALS..
HUH?
HERE WE GO!
OOF-
ORYAA!
RIIIGHT! I NEED TO PULL IT OUT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING! GET UP!
WHY CAN'T I GO BACK!?
EH— WH.. WHY!?
IF YOU GET LEFT BEHIND ON THIS MOUNTAIN, YOU'LL GET LOST AND WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN!
Yessir
You are quite right.
IF WE JUST CROSS THIS MOUNTIAN WE'LL REACH OUR LAND! ABOVE ALL, LET US RETURN ALIVE!
THIS IS STILL ENEMY TERRITORY, SO WE CANNOT REST YET.
IS EVERYONE ALERT?

I CAN'T READ THE SITUATION.
KIMURA-SAMAAA!! UOOOH!
KIMURA -SAMA!!
UNDER-STOOD!!
WELL, AT ANY RATE, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY LOST A BATTLE AND ARE RUNNING AWAY PITIFULLY .
DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAN IN FRONT OF YOU AS YOU WALK!
LET US STRIVE TO NOT BE FOUND BY OUR PERSUERS, DO NOT USE TORCHES!

WHY HASN'T ANYONE FOUND OUT ABOUT ME YET?
WHAT I FIND STRANGE IS,
ANYWAY,
I GUESS, MAYBE MY SILHOUETTE LOOKS SIMILAR TO THEM,
BUT WHEN DAWN COMES, I'M SURE TO BE FOUND OUT—

HIKOSHIROU, ARE YOU OKAY?
EVEN SO, IF I GET LEFT BEHIND ON THIS MOUNTAIN, I'LL REALLY BE IN TROUBLE.
YASUKE... THI...THIS IS BUT A SCRATCH..
YOUR STOMACH WOUND PAINS YOU, DOESN'T IT?
NO, IT LOOKS PAINFUL. YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF YOUR ARMOR, I'LL CARRY IT FOR YOU.
...ALRIGHT. MY APOLOGIES, YASUKE-DONO..
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OH?
WHY DON'T YOU LET MY YOUNG AND ENERGETIC SELF TAKE THIS BURDEN
OH?
UH UMM, YASUKE -DONO?
IS THAT SO? THANKS-
YESS!!
ALIRGHT!
YOU HAVE OBTAINED THE GEAR OF A LOW-LEVEL ASHIGARU.
HUH?
LIKE THIS?

WITH THIS, EVEN WHEN MORNING COMES I WON'T BE FOUND OUT! SINCE NOBODY KNOWS WHO'S WHO.
KUKU, I DID A GOOD JOB—
—MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,
WHAT SHOULD I DO FROM NOW ON!?
CAN I... REALLY NOT GO BACK ANYMORE!?
IF I'D KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN, I WOULD'VE EATEN THAT STEAK BEFORE COMING—!!

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SOME BOY WE DON'T KNOW-
WHO'S THIS GUY?
I WAS ALREADY FOUND OUT—!!
EEEEEK!!

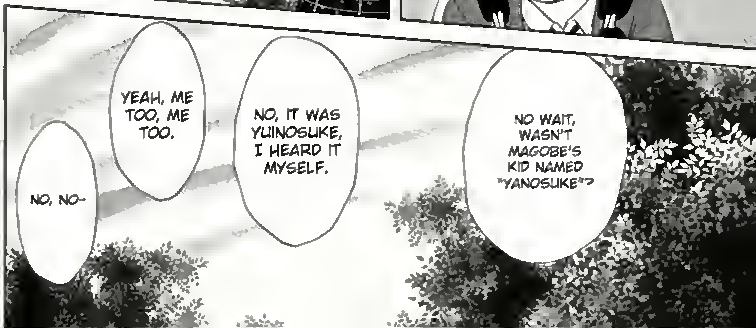
KIMURA-SAMA!! A LAD WE'VE NEVER SEEN HAS SLIPPED INTO OUR GROUP!!
GEH-!!
EVERYONE KNEW EACHOTHER—!?
OI, YOUNG LAD!!
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU?
WHAT IS YOUR NAME? ANSWER TRUTHFULLY OR ELSE, LAD!
UMM... "LAD"?
THEY THINK I'M A BOY!!

AH!
I'M THE ONE ASKING!!

UH-..... UMMM, RIGHT...
YU....YUI... NOSUKE.. SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

YEAH, YEAH, HE SAID THAT.
MAGOBE SAID HE HAD A 15 YEAR OLD KID WHO JUST BECAME AN ASHIGARU.
OOH, THAT'S RIGHT,

IF IT'S YUINOSUKE, YOU MUST BE MAGOBE'S KID?


NO, NO-
YEAH, ME TOO, ME TOO.
NO, IT WAS YUINOSUKE, I HEARD IT MYSELF.
NO WAIT, WASN'T MAGOBE'S KID NAMED "YANOSUKE"?

I AM THE SON OF MAGOBE.
IS IT TRUE YUINOSUKE, SPEAK!!
UH... UMM
YOU. ... SO SOON AFTER BEGINNING YOUR SERVICE WE WERE AMBUSHED BY THE ENEMY AND YOU LOST YOUR FATHER.....
I HAD HEARD THAT BOTH FATHER AND SON PERISHED ON THE BATTLEFIELD... BUT YOU WERE SAFE...
SO IT IS TRUE AFTER ALL...
YES... TH-
THANK YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT, YUINOSUKE! ALTHOUGH YOU LOST YOUR BELOVED FATHER, LET US SURVIVE AND LIVE ON TOGETHER!
DO NOT LOSE HEART YUINOSUKE! WE ARE APPROACHING OUR CASTLE, IT WILL SOON BE IN SIGHT!

- BUT... "BOY," "LAD," LIKE IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED THAT I'M MALE. WHY AREN'T ANY OF YOU AT ALL SUSPICIOUS OF THAT!?
WHAT A RELIEF— EVERYONE IS MORE SIMPLE-MINDED THAN EXPECTED—
ALRIGHT! LET'S MOVE OUT!
EVERYONE!! LOOK!!
I'M DYING OF HUNGER...

IT'S THE CASTLE!! WE CAN SEE KUROHA CASTLE—!!
THAT'S KUROHA CASTLE.....!!
OHHH, SO COOL!!

ISN'T IT GREAT, YUINOSUKE, SOON YOU'LL BE REUNITED WITH YOUR MOTHER!
YEAH!
WHEN SHE HEARS YOU ARE SAFE, SHE WILL HAPPILY RUN TO MEET YOU!
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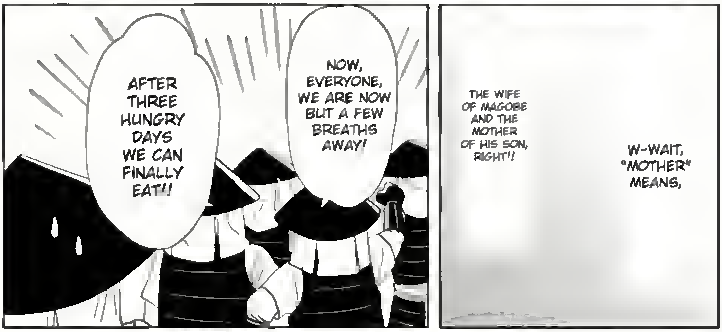
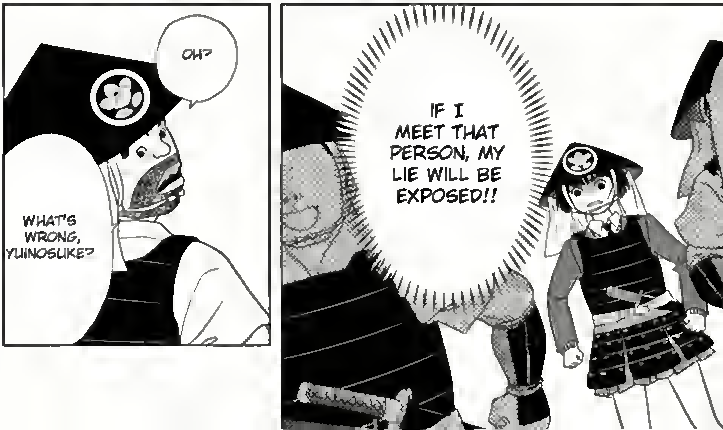

W-WAIT, "MOTHER" MEANS,
THE WIFE OF MAGOBE AND THE MOTHER OF HIS SON, RIGHT?!
NOW, EVERYONE, WE ARE NOW BUT A FEW BREATHS AWAY!
AFTER THREE HUNGRY DAYS WE CAN FINALLY EAT!!


IF I MEET THAT PERSON, MY LIE WILL BE EXPOSED!!
OH?
WHAT'S WRONG, YUINOSUKE?

I- I HAVE TO GO TO THE TOI-...
I MUST TA-... TAKE A LEAK!!
WHAT THE HECK,
BEEN HOLDING IT IN THE WHOLE TIME?
I CAN'T GO WITH EVERYONE TO THE CASTLE!!
I CAN'T GET ANY FOOD EITHER—!!

Hah...
Hoah...
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Hah...
Hoah...
Hah...
I'M SO HUNGRY I'LL DIE...
SFX: HUH
UUUU...
I GIVE UP.
NEVER, IN MY WILDEST DREAMS DID I IMAGINE THAT I WOULD DIE OF STARVATION, OF ALL THINGS...
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TH-... THOSE ARE..!
SHIITAKE MUSH-ROOMS!!
BUT THIS! I'M SURE THIS IS SHIITAKE! AND SHIITAKE IS EDIBLE!
THOUGH, IT'S A LITTLE RED COMPARED TO SHIITAKE... RATHER, ITS COMPLETELY BRIGHT RED, WITH WHITE SPOTS...
IT'S POISON.
IT'S NOT POIS-...
IT'S NOT POISON, IT'S NOT POISON,

EH...!?
IF YOU EAT THAT, YOUR HEART WILL STOP.
AND YOU WILL DIE.

SFX. *THUMP*
MY H-, HE- HEA-
...HM?
MY HEART... IS,...
A-... ABOUT TO EXPLODE-!

Thanks for reading!
see you next chapter~
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